Homeless YYA Advisory Group

5/6/2014 | 9am – Noon | U. Presbyterian Church

Advance, guide and monitor the implementation of
the Comprehensive YYA Plan

Welcome New Members

- Anthon Smith
  - Seattle Education Access
- Nature Carter
  - People Of Color Against AIDS Network & Communities United Rainier Beach (POCAAN & CURB)
- Kim Beeson
  - Puget Sound Educational Services District

Meeting Objectives

- Learning
  - Refresh Advisory Group on initiative structure and group roles
  - Review Initiative logic model and plan to measure our work
  - Review Community Sign In (CSI) purpose/vision and quarter 1 data
  - Review Youth Housing Connection (YHC) assessment data & give input to year one review
- Advocacy & Communications
  - Receive Comprehensive YYA Plan summary document and debrief re: Youth Homelessness Messaging Resources Workshop
  - Receive updates on YYA advocacy efforts
- Comprehensive YYA Plan Implementation
  - Understand progress around the plan activities
- Funding
  - Schedule additional meeting to discuss and endorse plan activity prioritization & 2015 initiative funding advocacy

Learning

- YYA Initiative structure and group roles
- Initiative logic model
  - Process to measure our work
  - What we'll know and achieve in spring 2015
- Presentation of Community Sign In
  - Data and purpose/vision
- Presentation of YHC Assessment Data
- Discussion: Year one review of YHC

Opportunity for community comment

CEH Advisory Bodies: Governing Board, Interagency Council, CEH Funders, CAC
Role: Guide and affirm YYA priorities in alignment with the broader goal of ending homelessness among all populations. Secure, prioritize and allocate funding in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and balanced with other 10YP Investment Priorities

YYA Funders Group
Role: prioritize and allocate funding in alignment with the Comprehensive YYA Plan

YYA Advisory Group
Advance, Guide & Monitor the implementation of Comprehensive YYA Plan

Role: Determine response to activities outside Comprehensive Plan and endorse Plan update

Coordinated Engagement Workgroup
Role: Set policy related to Youth Housing Connection

Community Sign In Workgroup
Role: Provide input on CSI

Youth Advocates Ending Homelessness (YAEH)
Role: YYA Guidance & Input

Advocacy/Comms Workgroup
Role: Determine overall policy agenda in conjunction with WACHYA

Youth at Risk of Homelessness Workgroup
(UWKC Staffs, YARH Grant)
Role: Implement YARH Grant, relationship to YYA Initiative TBD

YYA Evaluation Team
(Building Changes staffs, on behalf of Initiative)
Role: Identify and prioritize learning questions, review emerging data, determine best methods for dissemination

Homeless YYA Initiative
Leadership & Workgroups | Nov 2013 – April 2015

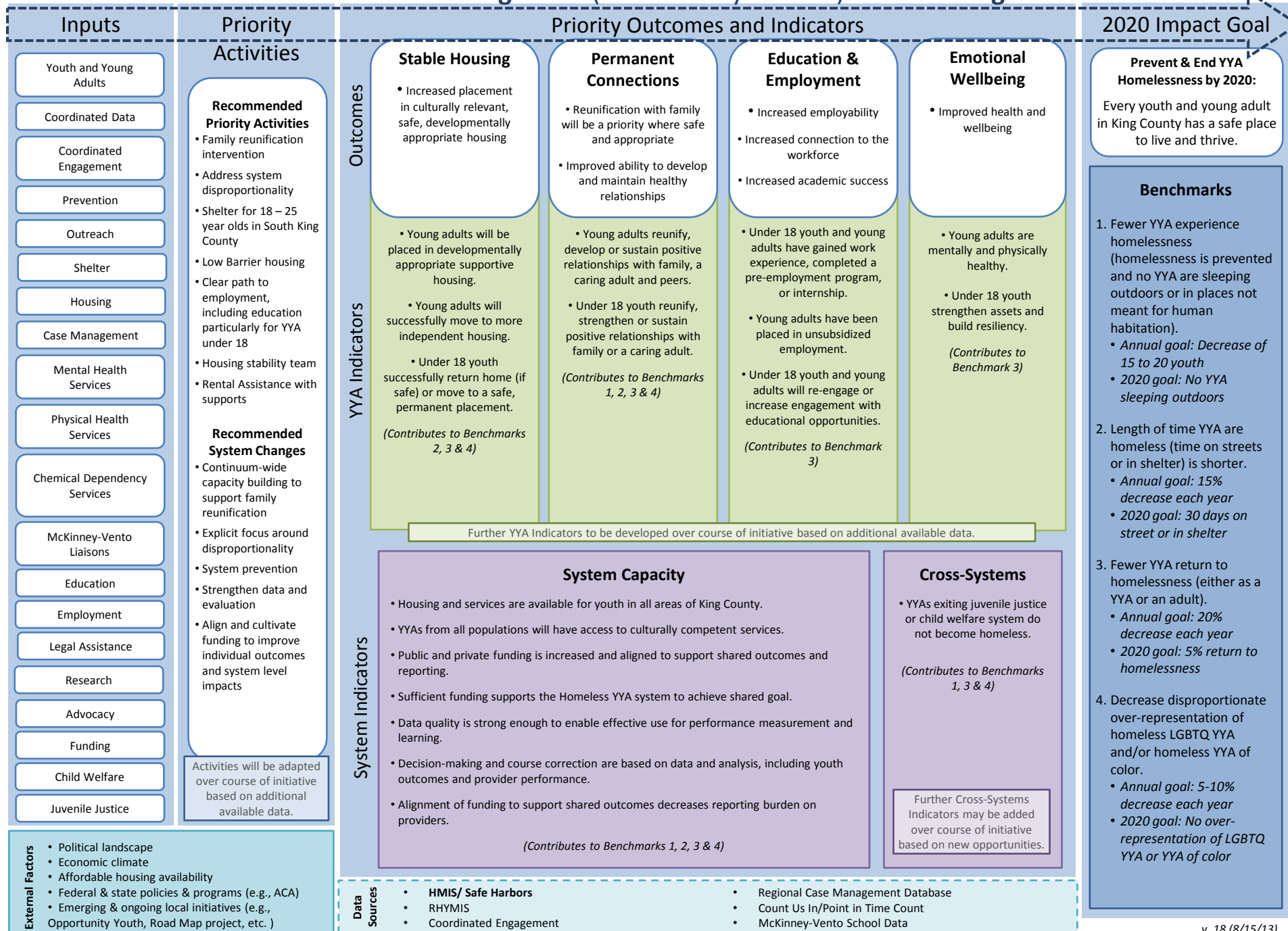Current as of 5/5/2014

YYA Evaluation Team

- **Key Outcome**
- The King County YYA Initiative leadership, including the Advisory Group, has the data necessary to make informed decisions about policies and planning.

- **Role**
- Identify and prioritize key learning questions for the Homeless YYA Initiative.
- Review emerging data from local sources (HMIS, RYHMIS, YHC and CSI), data quality and measurement methodologies, and best practice research from around the country.
- Determine best methods for dissemination and sharing of lessons learned.

Homeless Youth and Young Adult (YYA: 12-25 years old) Initiative Logic Model

Inputs

- Youth and Young Adults
- Coordinated Data
- Coordinated Engagement
- Prevention
- Outreach
- Shelter
- Housing
- Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Physical Health Services
- Chemical Dependency Services
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons
- Education
- Employment
- Legal Assistance
- Research
- Advocacy
- Funding
- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice

External Factors
- Political landscape
- Economic climate
- Affordable housing availability
- Federal & state policies & programs (e.g., ACA)
- Emerging & ongoing local initiatives (e.g., Opportunity Youth, Road Map project, etc.)

Priority Activities

Recommended Priority Activities
- Family reunification intervention
- Address system disproportionality
- Shelter for 18 – 25 year olds in South King County
- Low Barrier housing
- Clear path to employment, including education particularly for YYA under 18
- Housing stability team
- Rental Assistance with supports

Recommended System Changes
- Continuum-wide capacity building to support family reunification
- Explicit focus around disproportionality
- System prevention
- Strengthen data and evaluation
- Align and cultivate funding to improve individual outcomes and system level impacts

Activities will be adapted over course of initiative based on additional available data.

Priority Outcomes and Indicators

Outcomes

Stable Housing
- Increased placement in culturally relevant, safe, developmentally appropriate housing

Permanent Connections
- Reunification with family will be a priority where safe and appropriate
- Improved ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships

Education & Employment
- Increased employability
- Increased connection to the workforce
- Increased academic success

Emotional Wellbeing
- Improved health and wellbeing

YYA Indicators

Stable Housing
- Young adults will be placed in developmentally appropriate supportive housing.
- Young adults will successfully move to more independent housing.
- Under 18 youth successfully return home (if safe) or move to a safe, permanent placement.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 2, 3 & 4)

Permanent Connections
- Young adults reunify, develop or sustain positive relationships with family, a caring adult and peers.
- Under 18 youth reunify, strengthen or sustain positive relationships with family or a caring adult.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Education & Employment
- Under 18 youth and young adults have gained work experience, completed a pre-employment program, or internship.
- Young adults have been placed in unsubsidized employment.
- Under 18 youth and young adults will re-engage or increase engagement with educational opportunities.

(Contributes to Benchmark 3)

Emotional Wellbeing
- Young adults are mentally and physically healthy.
- Under 18 youth strengthen assets and build resiliency.

(Contributes to Benchmark 3)

Further YYA Indicators to be developed over course of initiative based on additional available data.

System Indicators

System Capacity
- Housing and services are available for youth in all areas of King County.
- YYAs from all populations will have access to culturally competent services.
- Public and private funding is increased and aligned to support shared outcomes and reporting.
- Sufficient funding supports the Homeless YYA system to achieve shared goal.
- Data quality is strong enough to enable effective use for performance measurement and learning.
- Decision-making and course correction are based on data and analysis, including youth outcomes and provider performance.
- Alignment of funding to support shared outcomes decreases reporting burden on providers.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Cross-Systems
- YYAs exiting juvenile justice or child welfare system do not become homeless.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 3 & 4)

Further Cross-Systems Indicators may be added over course of initiative based on new opportunities.

2020 Impact Goal

Prevent & End YYA Homelessness by 2020:

Every youth and young adult in King County has a safe place to live and thrive.

Benchmarks

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   - *2020 goal: 5% return to homelessness*

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Data Sources
- **HMIS/ Safe Harbors**
- RHYMIS
- Coordinated Engagement
- Regional Case Management Database
- Count Us In/Point in Time Count
- McKinney-Vento School Data

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PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

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DATA SOURCES

Count Us In
An unidentified, unduplicated count of the number of YYA experiencing homelessness or housing instability at a point in time

Community Sign In
An unduplicated number of YYA accessing YYA services in King County, including homeless status and interest in connecting to family

Youth Housing Connection
Demographics and data on housing eligibility and needs, including vulnerability, of YA interested in housing placement

Safe Harbors/HMIS
Demographics, service receipt and program exit information for YA who receive shelter and housing services with public or United Way funding

RHYMIS
Demographic and program outcome information about YYA who receive services and housing with RHYA funding

City and County Contract Reporting
Program occupancy levels, program outcomes

Individual Agency Data Systems
Program or client-level outcome data, variable by agency

Benchmark	Baseline	Current Measurement Source	Current Measurement Definition	Baseline Outcome to be next reviewed:
1. Fewer YYA experience homelessness (homelessness is prevented and no YYA are sleeping outdoors or in places not meant for human habitation).	114	Count Us In	Number of YYA, on a given night, sleeping outside, in abandoned buildings, or in other places not meant for human habitation. Point in time count.	January 2015
2. Length of time YYA are homeless (time on streets or in shelter) is shorter.	65	HMIS	Average number of days spent in on the streets or in emergency shelter (across all YYA homeless programs). Cumulative total per YYA averaged across all YYA experiencing homelessness during the year.	Spring 2015 – Plan Update
3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness (either as a YYA or an adult).	27%	HMIS	Percentage of YYA exits to a permanent destination within the past 2 years for which the YYA returns to homelessness within 2 years. Rolling 2 year period.	Spring 2015 – Plan Update
4a. Decrease disproportionate over-representation of homeless YYA of color.	67% YYA of color	HMIS	Percentage of YYAs who identify as a person of color of all YYAs experiencing homelessness during the year.	Spring 2015 – Plan Update
4b. Decrease disproportionate over-representation of homeless LGBTQ YYA.	14% YYA identify as LGBTQ	RHYMIS	Percentage of YYAs who identify as LGBTQ of all YYAs experiencing homelessness during the year.	Spring 2015 – Plan Update

| Youth-Level Outcomes		Baseline	Current Measurement Source	Current Measurement Definition	Baseline Indicator to be next reviewed:
Stable Housing	Young adults will be placed in developmentally appropriate supportive housing.	29%	HMIS	Defined as any exits to permanent destinations, or moves to transitional housing from shelter.	
	Young adults will successfully move to more independent housing.	29%	HMIS	Percentage of recorded housing moves or exits to more independent housing situations (of all exits during the year). Defined as above.	
	Under 18 youth successfully return home (if safe) or move to a safe, permanent placement.	28%	HMIS	Percentage of recorded moves to a safe permanent place (of all exits during the year). Defined as above.	
Permanent Connections	Young adults reunify, develop or sustain positive relationships with family, a caring adult and peers.	10%	HMIS	Percentage of YYA exits from a housing program to live permanently with family or friends (of all exits during the year)	
	Under 18 youth reunify, strengthen or sustain positive relationships with family or a caring adult.	28%	HMIS	Percentage of YYA exits from a housing program to live permanently with family or friends (of all exits during the year). Subset of previous measure for under 18 youth only.	
Education & Employment	Under 18 youth and young adults have gained work experience, completed a pre-employment program, or internship.	36%	HMIS/ProYouth	Percentage of YYA employed, in school, or both at program exit from HMIS; Percent of youth exiting with satisfactory job skills	
	Young adults have been placed in unsubsidized employment.	n/a	Contract Reporting		
	Under 18 youth and young adults will re-engage or increase engagement with educational opportunities.	n/a	Contract Reporting		
Emotional Wellbeing	Young adults are mentally and physically healthy.	31%	HMIS	Percentage of YYA exits from housing programs for which the YYA reports that their health is very good or excellent (of all exits during the year)	
	Under 18 youth strengthen assets and build resiliency.	n/a	tbd	To be defined	

Some things that will have changed as a result of our collective work by Spring 2015

▸ We have measured progress against our 4 benchmarks.

▸ Our priority activities have been launched and we've measured the initial success of the priority activities and made recommendations for continued funding/ implementation into 2015.

▸ Collective Impact: Agencies, funders and YYA continue to be committed to working together to further understand what works and for whom.

▸ We have a typology of low, medium, and high needs YYA based on available data.

▸ As part of the typology, we have likewise defined three different housing intervention models and what YYA "type/need level" they are appropriate for.

▸ We have a proposal on how to target YYA most vulnerable/most likely to return to homelessness and what they need in housing/family reunification programs – this proposal informs the plan update.

▸ Every YYA funding round addresses regional coverage and disproportionality.

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Community Sign In
Initial Data from the 1st Four Months | Nov 21, 2013 to April 8, 2014
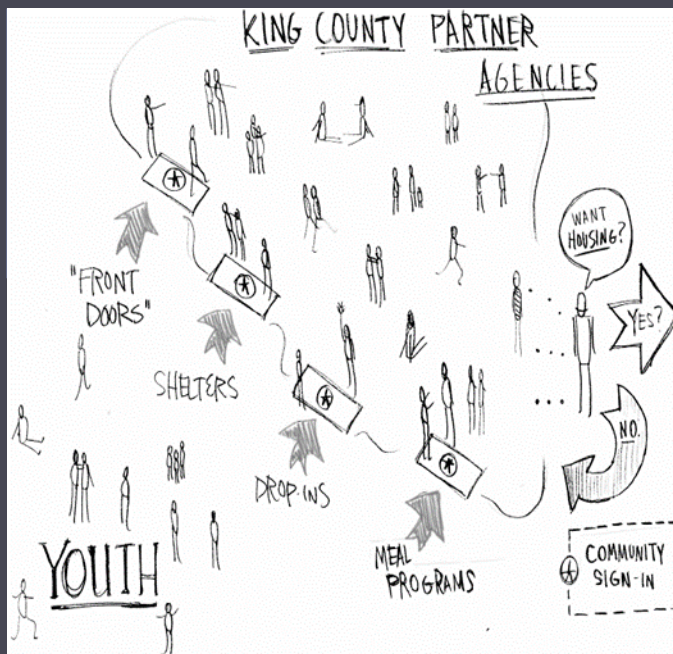
About Community Sign In

The purpose of Community Sign In, part of our coordinated engagement system for YYA, is to:

1. Divert YYA from homeless services when possible through family reunification,
2. Promote consistent data collection on YYA homelessness, and
3. Obtain a more comprehensive number of YYA who are using our continuum by aligning data collection at every drop in center, meal program and young adult shelter in the continuum of care.

YYA ages 13 to 25 will complete Community Sign In the first time they arrive at any drop in center, meal program, or young adult shelter in the homeless YYA continuum.

About Community Sign In

CSI asks every young person, the <u>first</u> time they enter an agency in the homeless YYA continuum of care:

▸ Name, DOB, Gender

▸ Are you currently homeless or without a stable place to live?

▸ Are you interested in talking with someone here about connecting with your family or another safe adult?

What will we know longer term?

3. Obtain a more comprehensive number of YYA who are using our continuum

▸ How many YYA do we see across our programs in a given time period?

▸ What are some basic demographics about these young people?

▸ How many youth want assistance connecting with family? What would be helpful to those youth?

▸ How long does it "take" between entering our doors and connecting back with a safe adult or safe housing in the continuum?

▸ What young people walk in our doors and do not enter programs with additional supports or housing later?

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Community Sign In:
Demographics and Homeless Identification

1,217 Youth and Young Adults responded to Community Sign In

Gender

- Female 37%
- Other 2%
- Transgender 1%
- Male 60%

Age

- 26-28 1%
- 13-17 13%
- 22-25 29%
- 18-21 57%

Homeless ID

- (blank) 9%
- No 24%
- Yes 67%
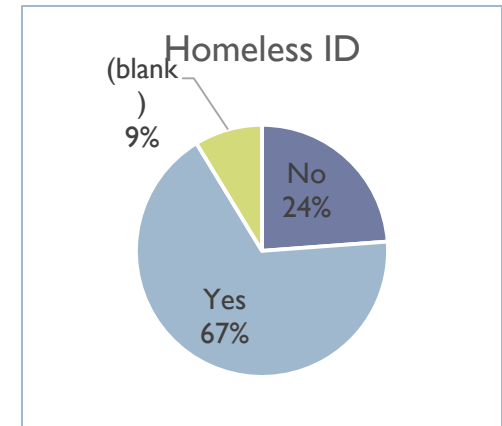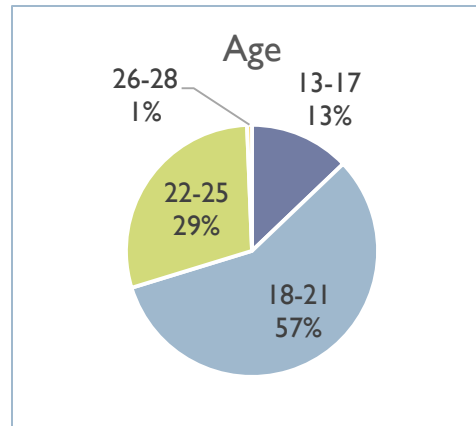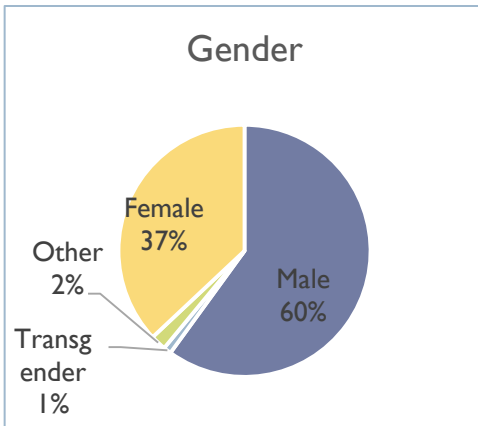
Agency	#YYAs Enrolled
YouthCare	313
New Horizons Ministries	162
Coordinated Engagement	144
ROOTS	134
YMCA of Greater Seattle	134
Auburn Youth Resources	96
Friends of Youth	84
PSKS	43
Street Youth Ministries	41
Catholic Community Services (UDYC)	40
Sanctuary Art Center	26

Homeless Identification

(Chart categories: AUBURN YOUTH..., CATHOLIC..., COORDINATED..., FRIENDS OF YOUTH, NEW HORIZONS..., PSKS, ROOTS, SANCTUARY ART..., STREET YOUTH..., YMCA OF GREATER..., YOUTHCARE)

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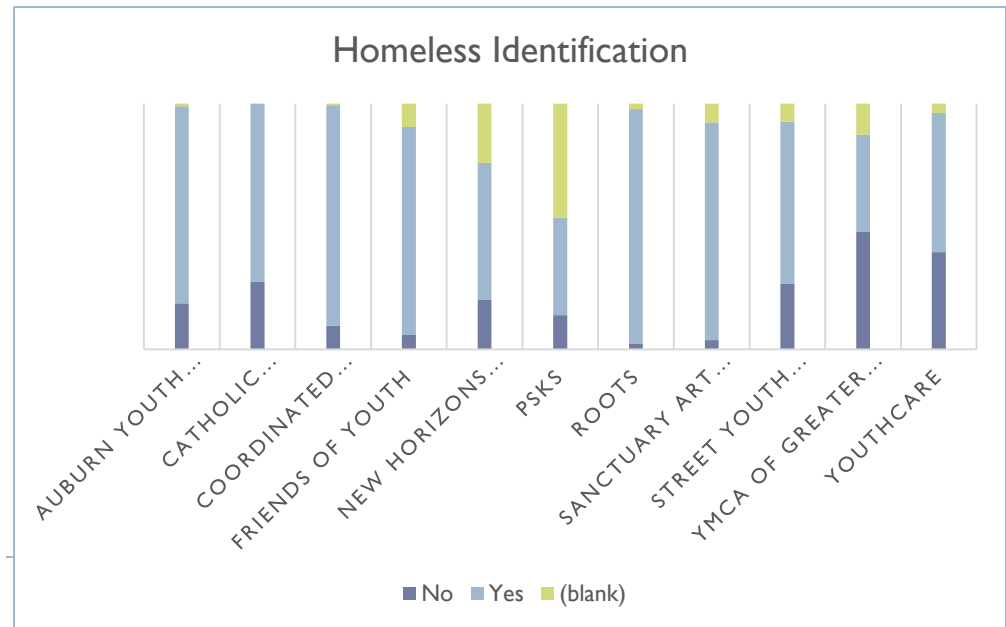
Community Sign In:
Interest in Connecting with Family

Agency	% YYAs
Auburn Youth Resources	36%
Catholic Community Services (UDYC)	25%
Coordinated Engagement	22%
ROOTS	20%
Street Youth Ministries	18%
PSKS	18%
Friends of Youth	13%
New Horizons Ministries	13%
YMCA of Greater Seattle	13%
YouthCare	12%

Female: 17%
Male: 17%
Other: 13%
Transgender: 36%
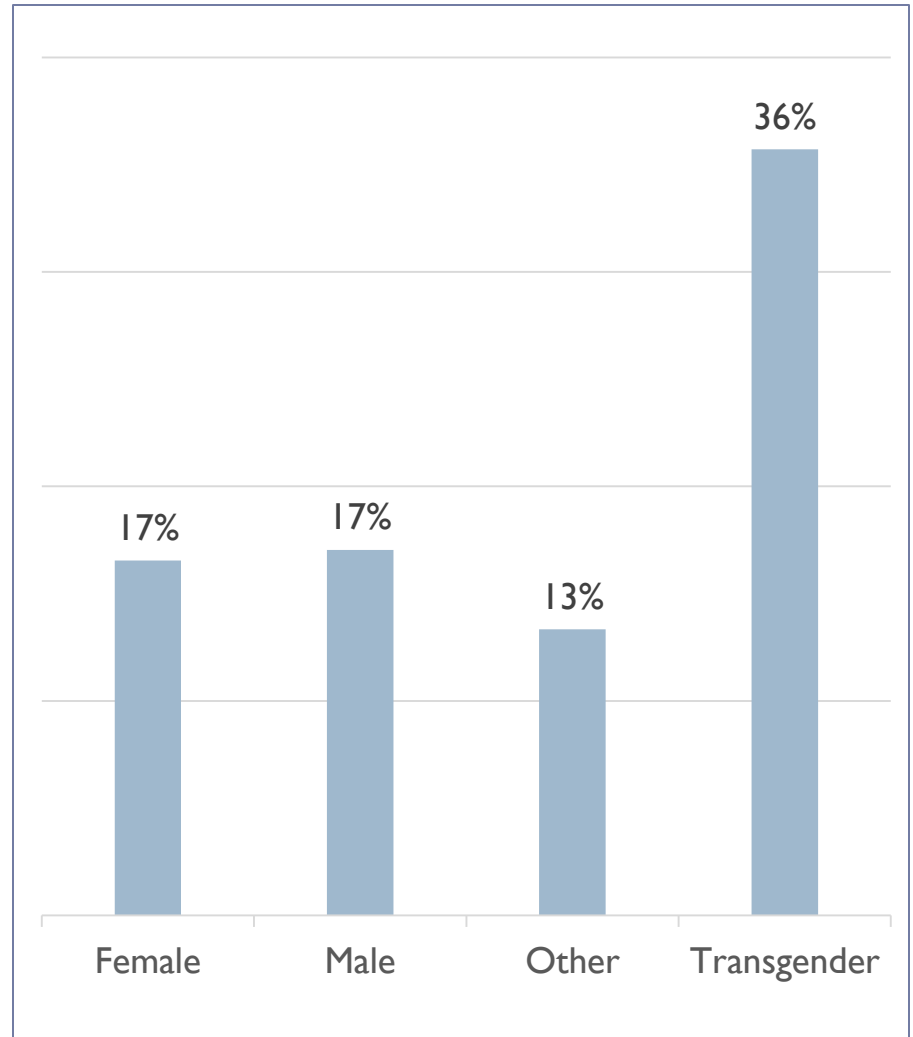
What Are We Learning About Young People Seeking Housing?

YHC Assessment Data Six Months Post-Launch

Presentation to the

Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative

Advisory Group

Amanda Thompkins

May 6th, 2014

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Youth Have Requested Housing

Demographics

Age

Under 18	2%
18 to 21	61%
22 and above	37%

Axis: 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Gender

- 40% Female
- 59% Male
- 1% Trans*

Race

Race	Percent
White	44%
Black or African..	35%
Multiraci..	14%
US Indian or Alask..	3%
Asian	2%
Hawaiian or Pacifi..	1%
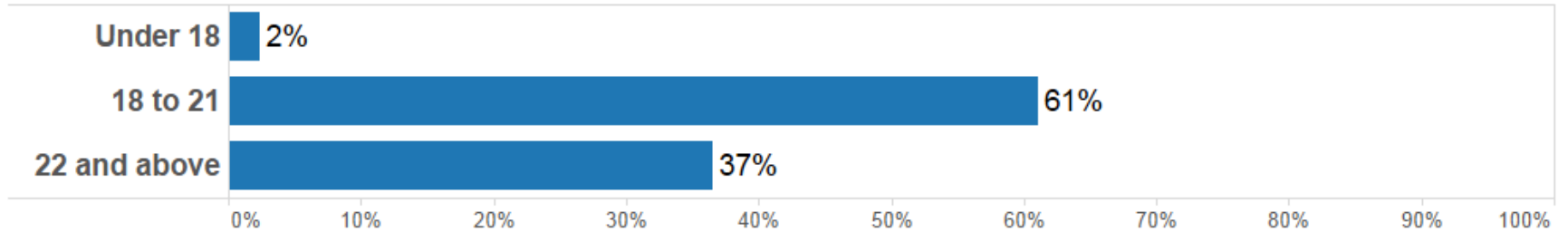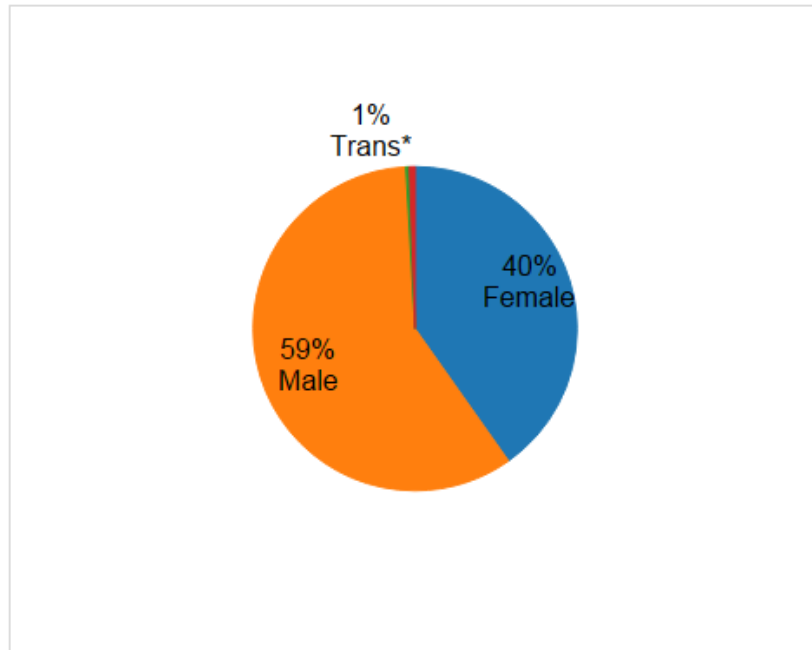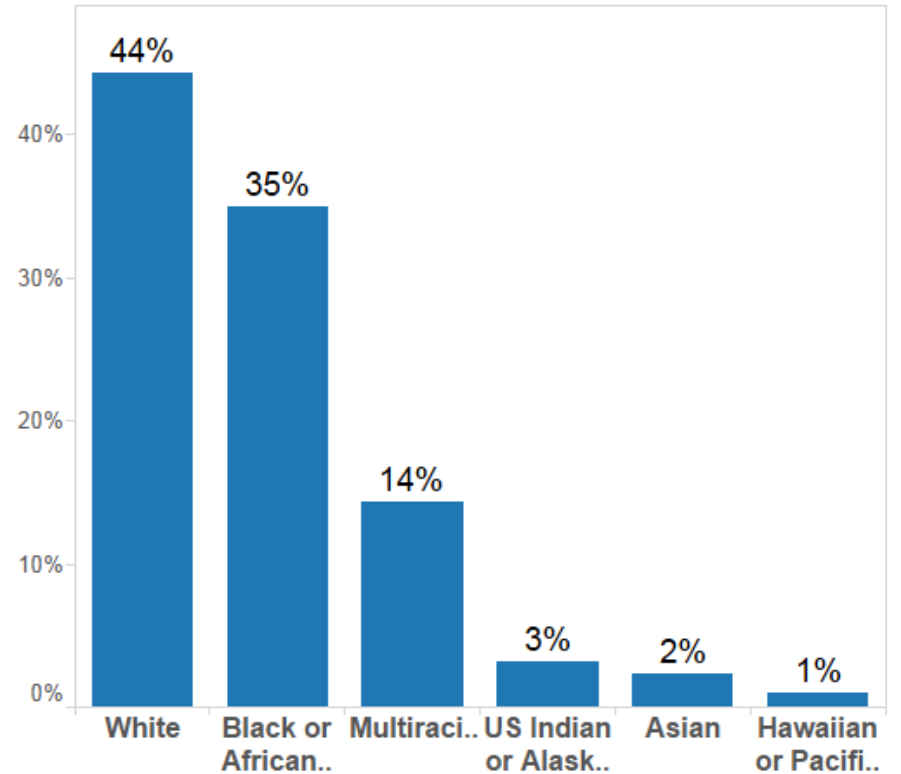
Captured Data on Special Populations

- 33% of youth request housing for youth formerly in foster care

- 20% of youth request housing for LGBTQ youth

Many Youth Have Histories of Unstable Housing
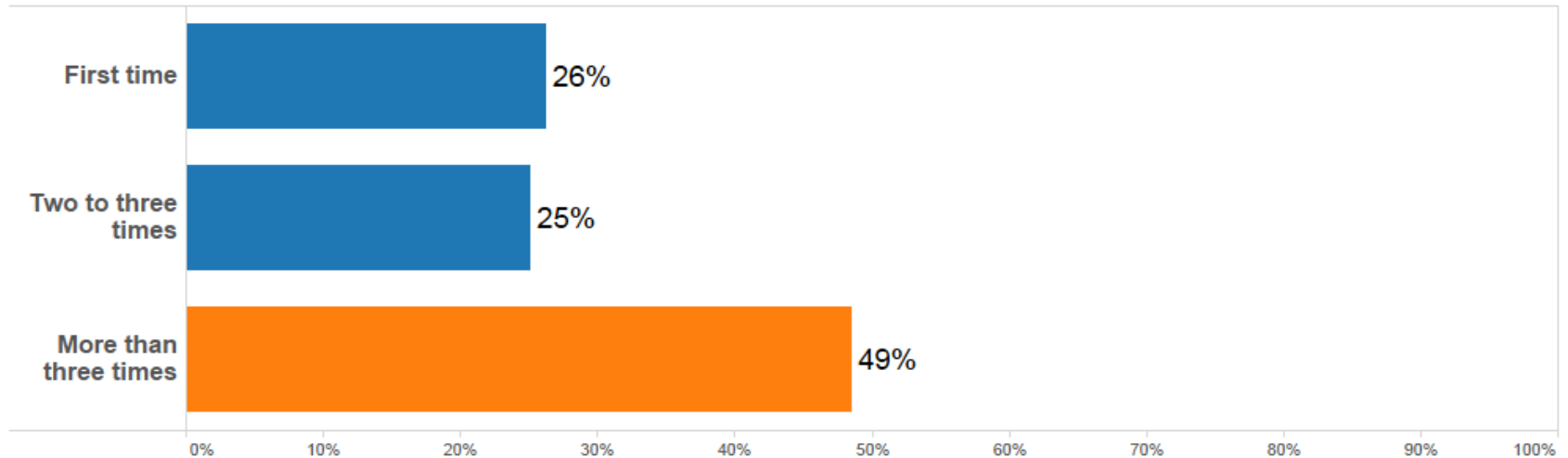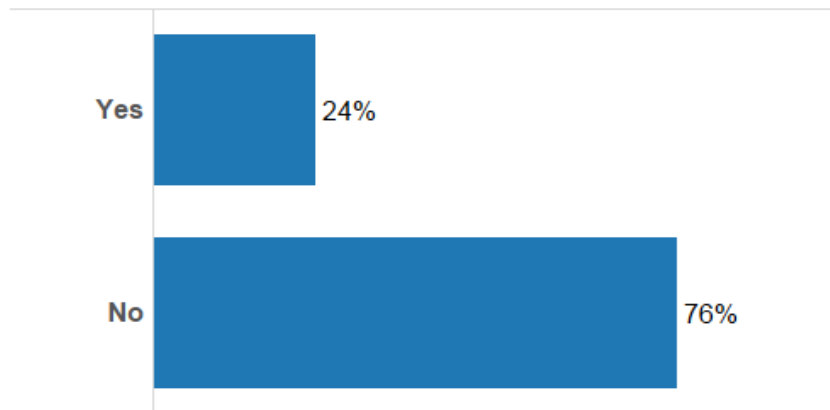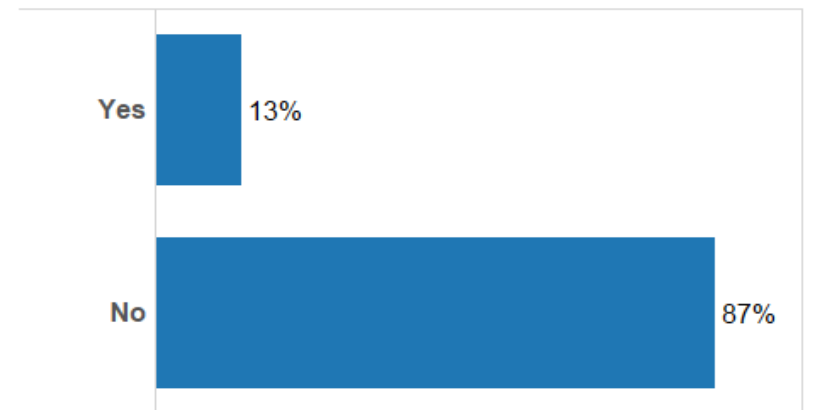
Barriers to Housing Are Age-Related
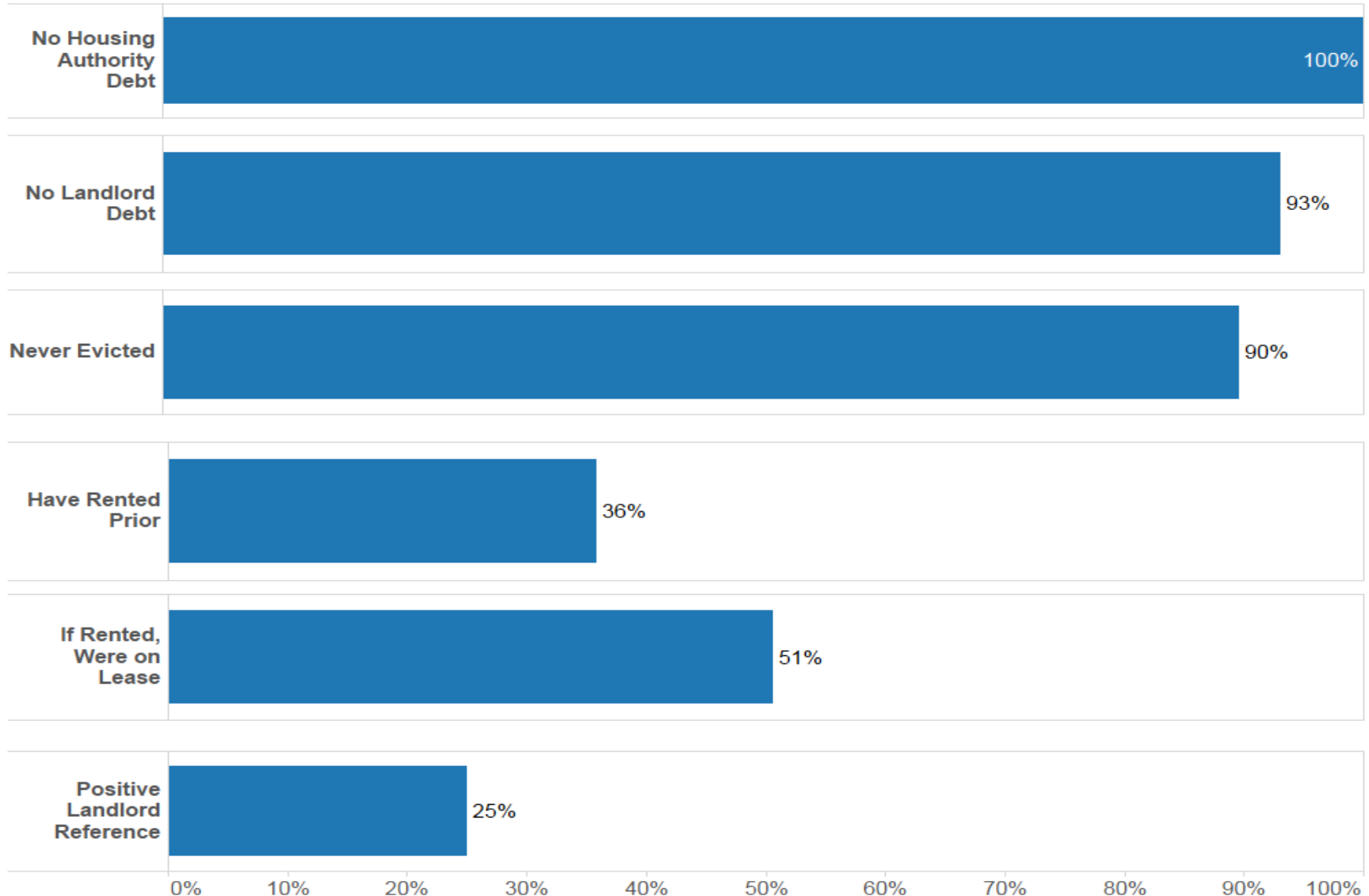
Family & Friends Are Important Sources Of Support

Where Do Young People Get Support?
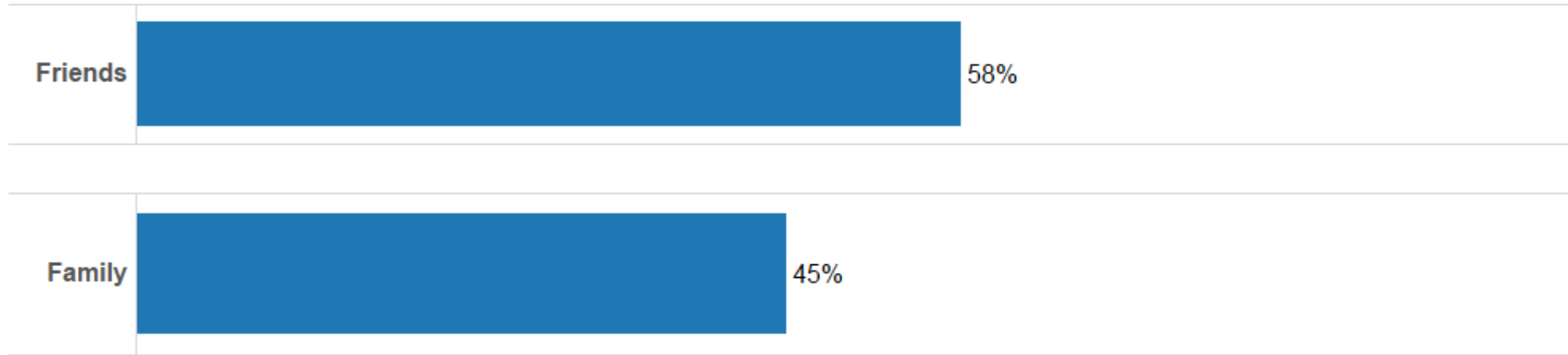
Youth Employment & Education

Employed When Seeking Housing?

████████████	32%

In School When Seeking Housing?

██████████	28%

Average Household Income (Monthly)

$290

Employment History

53%	29%	3%	14%
Steady or good	Some or unstable	Not recently	None

Level of Education

4%	47%	48%	1%
Less 9th grade	Some high school	HS Diploma or GED	College grad
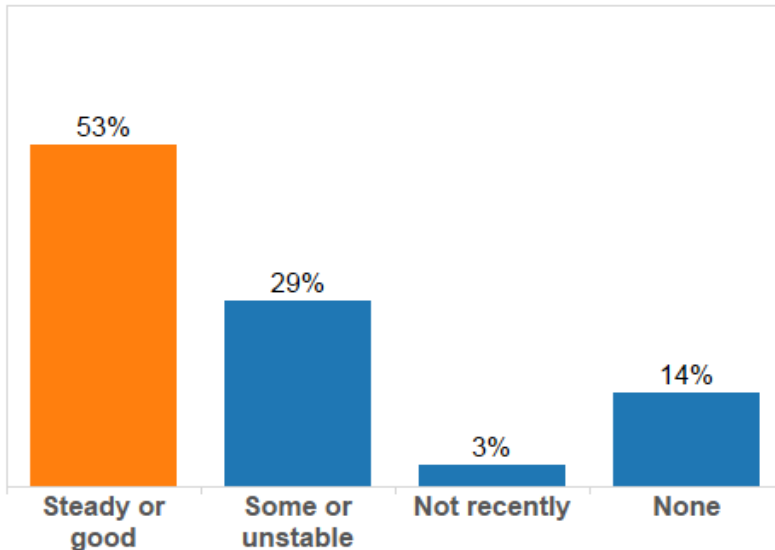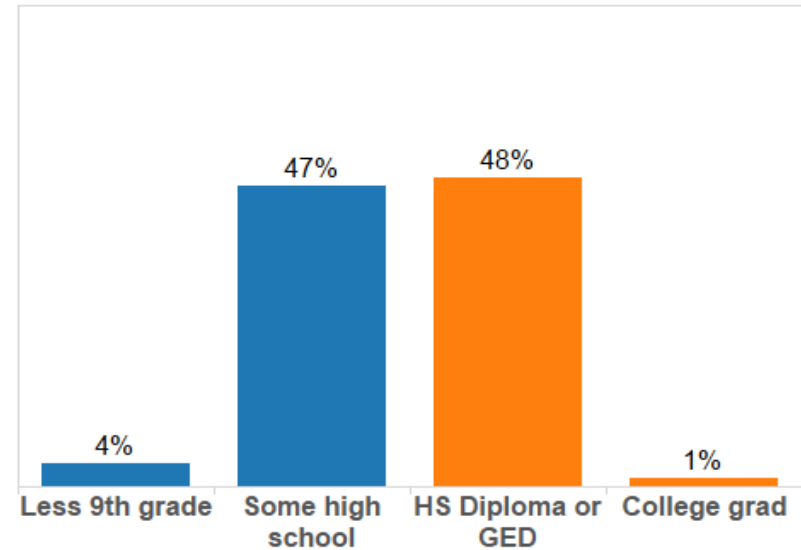
Youth Want
Employment & Education Services

Category	Percentage
Employment & Education	92%
Couples	53%
Mental Health	52%
Culturally Tailored	51%
Sober Housing	49%
LGBTQ Ally	45%
Foster Care	33%
Disability	24%
LGBTQ	20%
Chemical Dependency	15%
I/R	14%
Confidential Housing	3%
Drug Court	2%
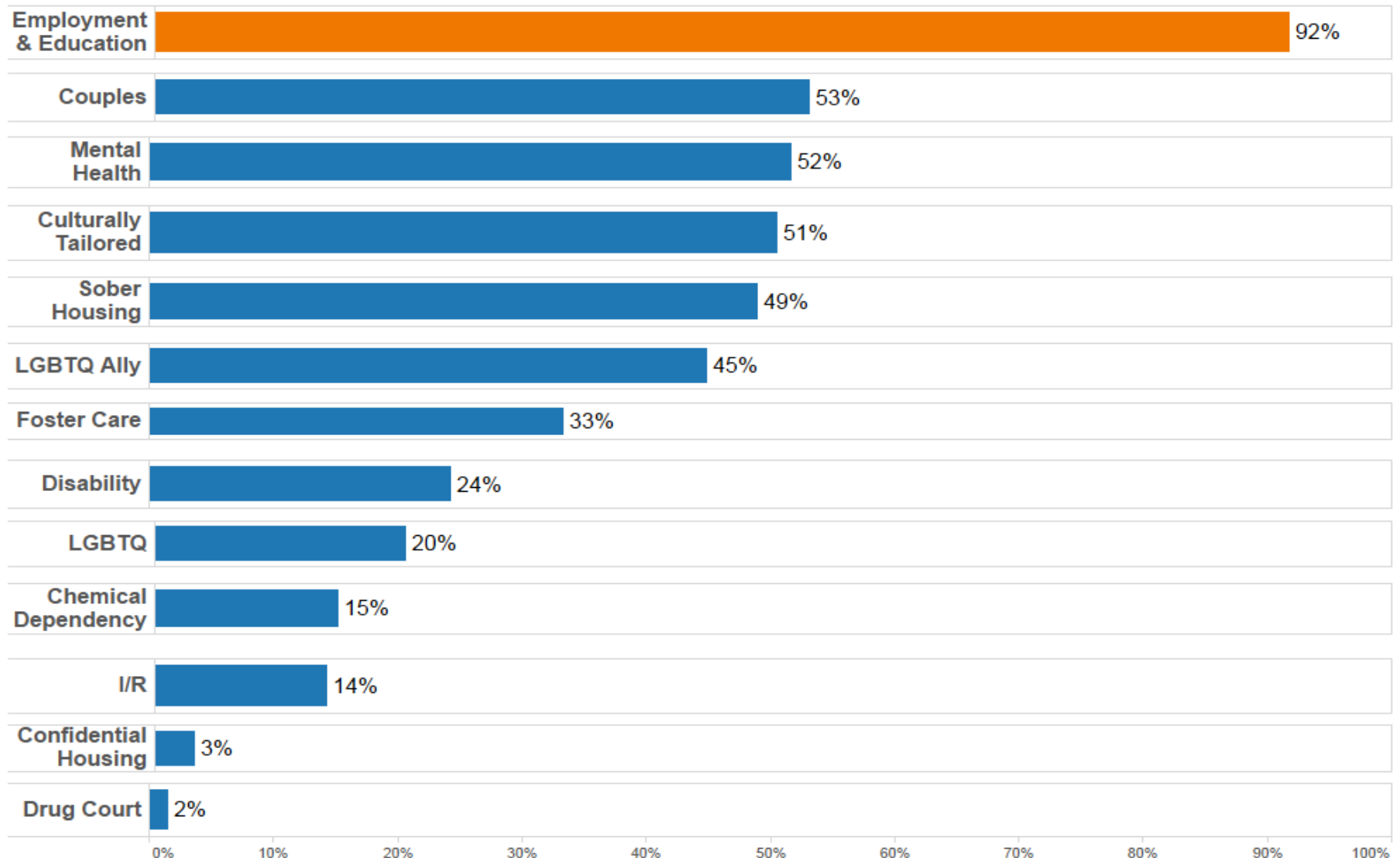
Vulnerability Factors May be Related to Youth Level Outcomes

How Many Vulnerability Factors do YYAs Report?
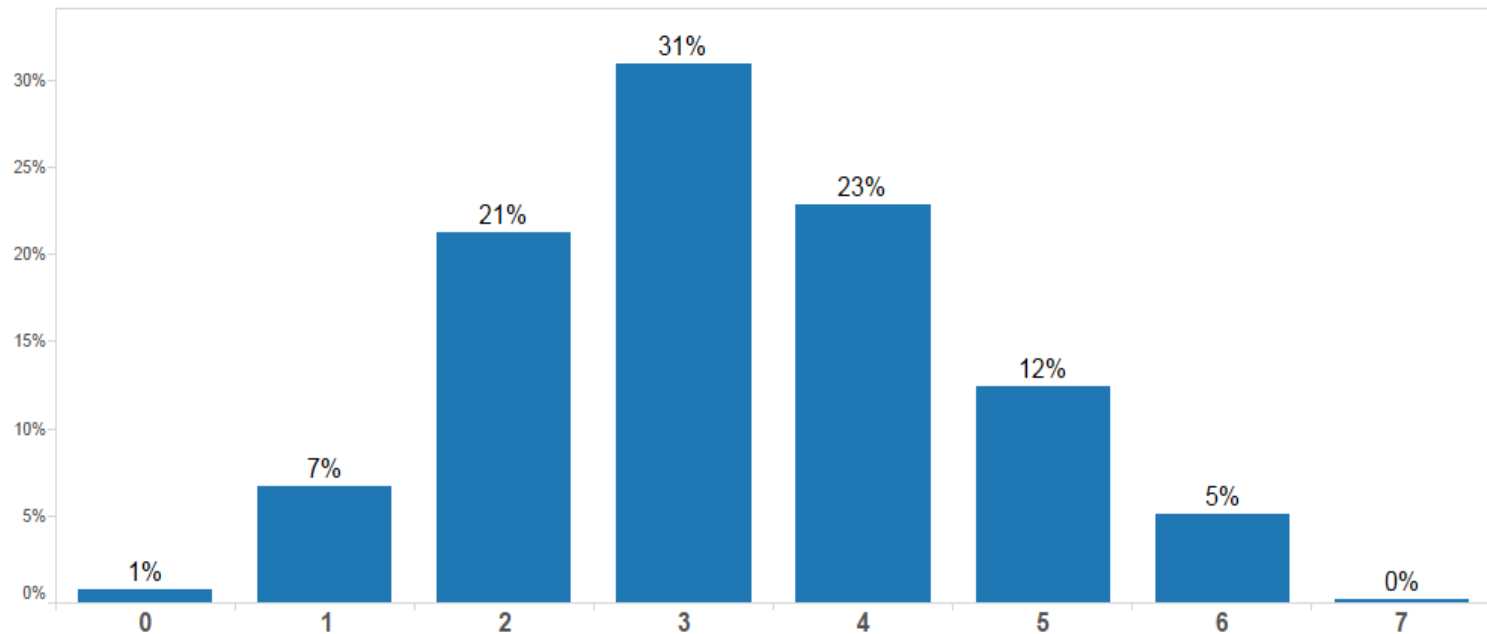
Fewer Vulnerability Factors
- More likely to be employed or in school
- More have support from family and could connect with them
- Fewer are in a place not meant for habitation

More Vulnerability Factors
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- More are in a place not meant for habitation

SUBPOPULATION ANALYSES

Youth in Prior Homeless Housing Program

More likely to have been in foster care
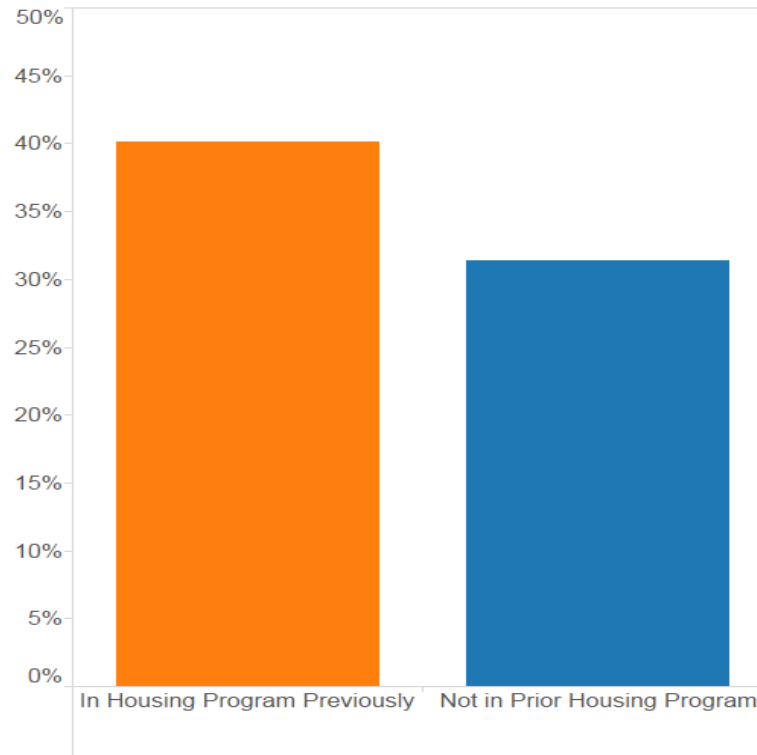
More likely to identify as LGBTQ
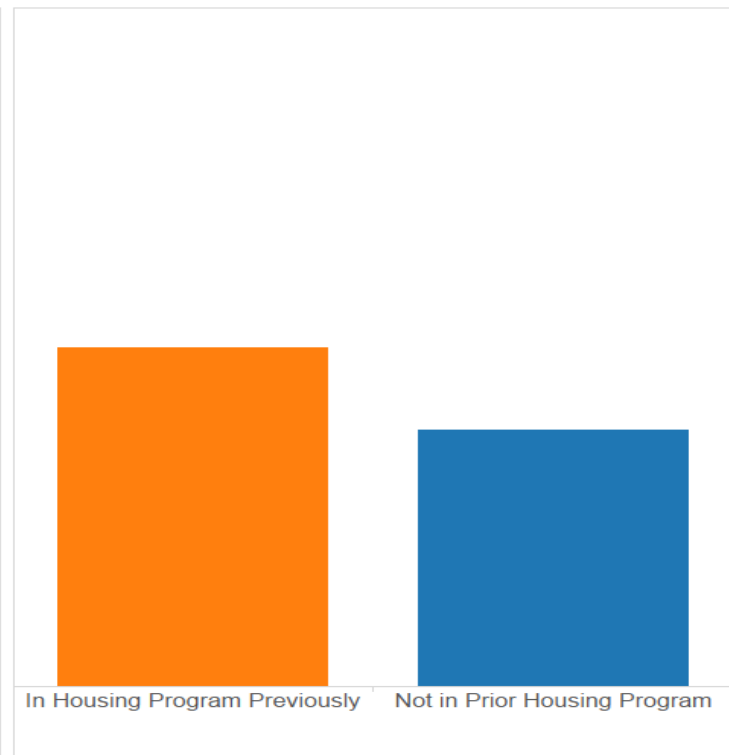
- Fewer linkages to family
- More linkages to homeless housing system
- Similar vulnerability scores

LGBTQ Youth

LGBTQ youth are more likely to be White and less likely to be Black/African American
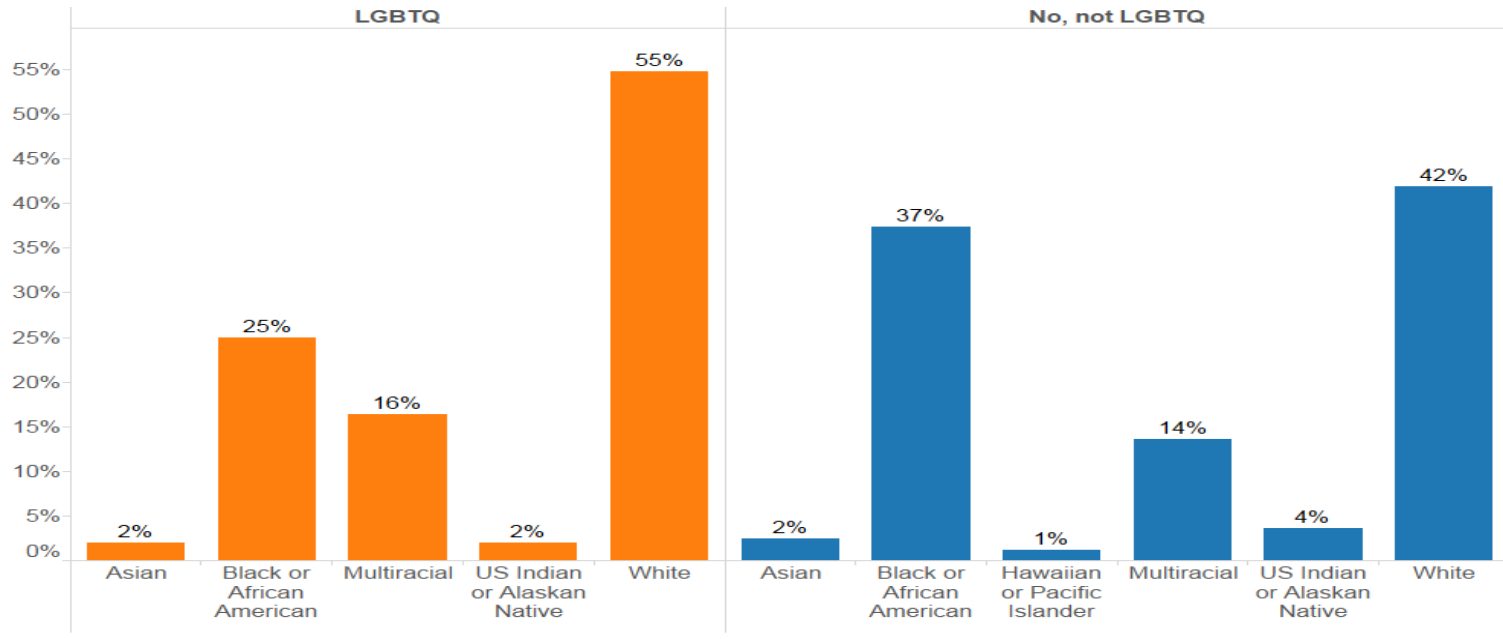
- More likely to have been in foster care
- Fewer linkages to family
- More connected to homeless housing system, although also more likely to be in a place not meant for habitation

- More histories of homelessness
- More interest in services, especially mental health services
- More likely to have been in a homeless housing program before and more likely to have been kicked out
- Higher vulnerability scores

Youth of Color

Youth of color are more likely to be in school but have lower levels of education
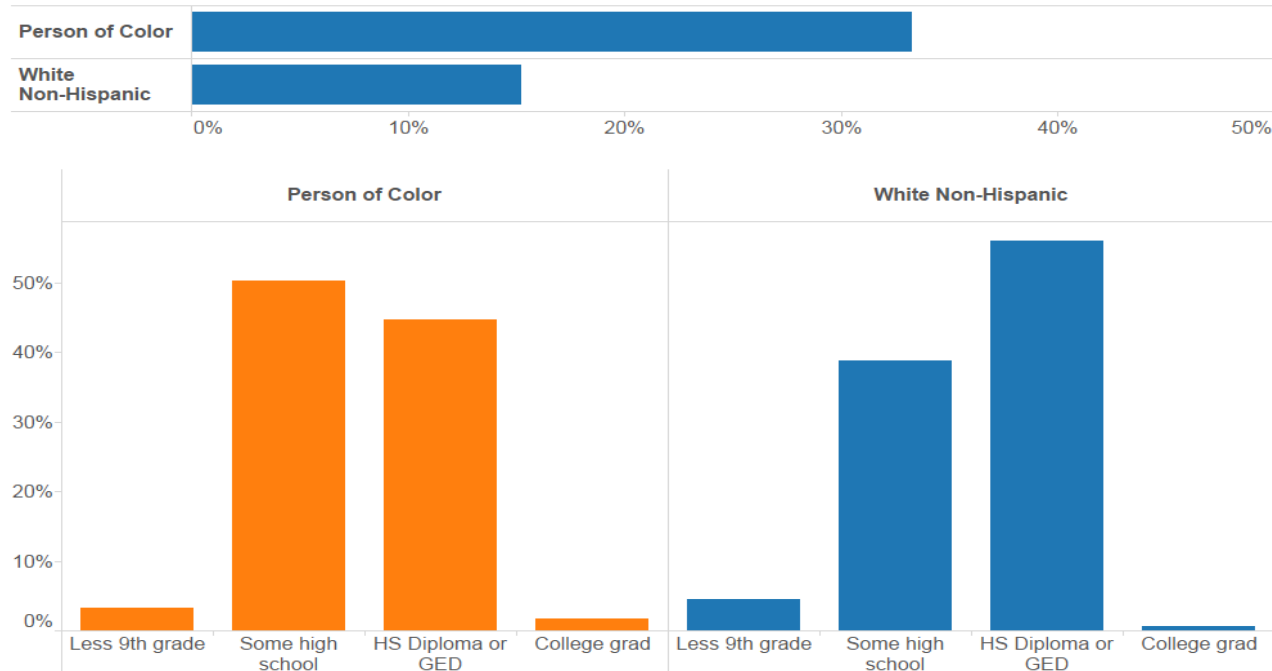
- More linkages to family
- Fewer linkages to homeless housing system

- Less likely to have been homeless before
- Less interested in services
- Lower vulnerability scores

Discussion: Year one review of YHC

▶ The goal of Youth Housing Connection, and any coordinated engagement system for YYA, is to provide equitable access for all young adults experiencing homelessness in our community.

▶ *Given this data – what do we need to ensure we address during the year one update?*

Advocacy & Communications

▸ **Comprehensive YYA Plan Summary and Youth Homelessness Messaging Resources Workshop**

▸ **Advocacy Updates:**

  ▸ Washington State Homeless YYA Act

  ▸ West Coast Convening (June 5th & 6th)

  ▸ UWKC Softball Classic (June 21st)

  ▸ Youth Advocates Ending Homelessness (YAEH!)

Comprehensive YYA Plan Implementation

- Progress on the following plan activities:
  - Priority Activities/YYA King County RFP
  - GLBTQ Capacity Building
  - Outreach Learning Lab

Opportunity for community comment

Funding

- Initial Discussion: Plan activity prioritization & 2015 funding advocacy
  - YYA AG role to "advance, guide & monitor the Comprehensive YYA Plan implementation"

Announcements & Close

Next Scheduled YYA Advisory Group open to community participation:

- Sept 2nd, 2014
- 9am – noon
- Location TBD